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## Official Denies Kentucky Fund Works for CIA

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LEXINGTON, Ky.—A trustee for the Appalachian Fund, Inc., of Lexington, denied yesterday that the organization has ever received any funds from the Central Intelligence Agency.

Stuart L. Faber of Cincinnati, son of the founder of the fund, said a report that the fund has been a conduit for CIA funds going to other organizations "is absolutely false."

The Los Angeles Times-Washington Post News Service reported Monday that the Appalachian Fund was among 10 tax-exempt foundations that had handled funds for the CIA and had failed to file mandatory public tax forms with the Internal Revenue Service in order to mask the activity.

"We have no connection with the CIA," Faber said. He added that the organization has filed the information forms with the IRS every year since the fund was established.

### Fund Mentioned in Ramparts

Referring to Ramparts magazine, which reportedly first mentioned the Appalachian Fund as working with the CIA, Faber said: "I can only say that they're in line for a suit for libel."

He said that as far as he knew the fund had never received a contribution of any kind from any outside source, except for "a few \$10 or \$15" contributions.

Faber said the fund contributes mainly to health projects in the Appalachian Mountains area. He said it has provided housing funds for the Appalachian School of Practical Nursing at Lexington and has contributed to health projects through the Council of Southern Mountains, Inc.

Faber's father, the late Herbert A. Faber of Cincinnati, founded the Formica Co., which he later sold to American Cyanamid.